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Mr. Shawn Musgrave
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Mr. Musgrave,

Your email letter to the Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS) was recently referred to my office for a response. In your letter you requested various items related to "...the purchase, research of and/or use of aerial drones, UAs, UAVs, and UASs..."

In accordance with Iowa's Open Records Law, Chapter 22, our staff conducted a search of records, which yielded 11 email strings related to drones. You will see after a review of these records, DPS has performed some preliminary research relate to the use of drones for enforcement of the law and emergency response, and any associated costs. No requests for proposals, contracts, or budget allocations have been made.

Currently, DPS does not own, rent, or utilize the technology in question. Therefore, DPS does not have any policies or procedures related to the deployment of drones.

There are no immediate plans to purchase drone technology for use by DPS.

If you have additional questions related to this, or any future records requests, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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